

REMARKS

Claims 1-48 were originally filed in parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/545,207. Claims 1-36, which were elected in the parent application, are presently being cancelled by the foregoing amendment. Unelected claims 37-48 are now being presented for prosecution on the merits.

The specification is currently amended, in part, to identify the present divisional application claiming priority to parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/545,207.

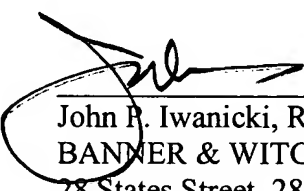
Claims 39, 40, 43, and 48 are currently amended to incorporate the features of the porous silica substrates defined by claim 1. Applicants note that the incorporated features correspond to those features in allowed claim 1 of parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/545,207. Support for the amendment to claim 44, which adds certain features, is found throughout the specification, for example, at page 7, line 1. The amendment to claim 46 is of a procedural nature.

By way of the amendment to the drawings, Applicants are providing formal drawings, which correspond to the formal drawings submitted in parent application U.S. Serial No. 09/545,207.

No new matter is being submitted by way of the amendments presented here. Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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